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KEYTESVILLE JULY 4

ELECTRIC LIGHT ASSURED

Unanimous Vote Tuesday for Franchise Preparing for Construction. Waterworks Next

That the entire community is in harmony with the progressive spirit of the times was evidenced again Tuesday when there was not a dissenting vote on the electric light and contract for city lighting propositions. There were 63 for each in the south precinct and 63 for the franchise and 62 for the contract for lighting the city in the north precinct, one voter not casting a ballot on the latter question.

Mr. L. A. Nickell, to whom the rights were granted by the vote of the citizens, has begun plans for putting in the plant here and will push the work as rapidly as it can be done, in his own interest as well as the convenience of the community.

We may expect to have, not a "White Way" by fall, but light in the streets all over the city and in every business house and dwelling where they are wanted, and in view of the fact that the Nickells have revamped and put into as fine condition as any electric plants in the state those at Marceline and Brunswick and are giving service most satisfactory to all patrons.

We will now be enabled not only to have reasonably cheap good light, but also power for whatever purpose we desire it and at less than cost of any other kind. Furthermore, the municipality is not in debt for it and therefore we can have funds by voting them for the purpose of the most necessary addition to the city of any which can be desired, that is, waterworks. That a system could not be put all over the city at the outstart, goes without argument, but we can have a rattling good start and expand as the telephone system did.

We are now for whatever system of waterworks we can get and let it reach as far as it can be paid for. Waterworks is the only public improvement which saves money instead of costing the populace money; we have the water at hand; we have a good start in the right direction; we need everything we can possibly get in the way of public improvement in the order of value to the city and from this on till we have voted for waterworks, we intend to argue in favor of waterworks.

Brunswick-Triplett

There was some ball game in Brunswick Sunday when Triplett went after the local 9 in a way which threatened a defeat for it at many stages of the game. Such ball as we have not had played in the county this season greeted the big crowd of fans. A home run on a lost ball gave the Triplett their run.

President Nickell and a large number of the Marceline Commercial Club and quite a number from Green City were here yesterday on their way to Glasgow to further a north and south trail. There was some misunderstanding which resulted in the boosters going no further than this city.

Salisbury Scribbings

For a time Friday evening, Thomas Karcher was thought to be near death's door, the result of apoplexy, but he rallied and on Monday was able to be out on the street. We hope his cure is permanent.

On Saturday, Miss Clara Clarkson underwent an operation for goitre at the C. C. Hospital in Kansas City, coming out from under the anesthetic in good shape, but later became very low, soon rallying, however, and is now thought to be out of danger. She has been complaining for some time.

The foundation of the new business house to be erected on corner 3rd. Broadway, by McCurry and Piltz, is being put in, and brick work will follow as soon as it is completed. We are glad to see this corner built up, as it fills a long felt want.

A little son of Martin Canan was badly burned about the chin and neck, when a friend playfully snapped a toy pistol in his face. He may be marked for life. No harm was intended, but the result was just the same so far as scars go.

Mrs. Harry Plattner of St. Louis came in the latter part of last week to attend the D. A. R. exercises at the Williams cemetery on Tuesday when a marker was erected over the grave of Edward Williams, a revolutionary soldier.

Louise Lamb was carrying her arm in a sling Monday, the result of a fall. The bone was bent but not broken.

Gabriel Packwood, one of the pioneers of this country, who for some time had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Sanders of this place, passed away Thursday night, June 22, at a ripe old age. Deceased had been in feeble health for some time, but death was not thought to be so near when it came. He had been a widower for some years and lived with his children. He was a good man and his passing is regretted by his relatives and a large circle of friends. Peace to his remains.

Eld. Lindsey, candidate for Gubernatorial honors made a brief, but fine talk here last week, telling why he should be nominated. His speech was well received by those who heard it.

Joe Davis of St. Louis, candidate for attorney general, and Major Lilly of Moberly candidate for Kansas City Court of appeals called on our people last week, distinguished their pictures, gave some reasons for the faith that is in them and then went their way.

Geo. M. Prescott and wife were called to Kansas City Monday by a telegram that Miss Clara Clarkson was worse. He left on No. 53, and returned Tuesday on No. 2, Miss Clara having rallied and being now considered out of danger.

Mrs. J. W. Cooper left for her home in Kansas City after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Miss Annie LeGendre has returned from a pleasant visit to Chicago, and has resumed her

And That's So, Too.

SAFETY FIRST



duties as stenographer in the McKittrick law office.

A number of letter boxes have been erected in different parts of the city. Letters can be mailed without going to the post office.

Mrs. Vicksburg lost a can of cream Wednesday, when a loose team backed into the one she was driving causing her horse to runaway, spill the cream and damage the vehicle. Leaving a team unhitched is a dangerous business and is prohibited by ordinance.

Albert Karcher came in the latter part of the week to be with his father, who was sick.

Miss Bernice Fetterhoff, head of the telephone force, returned Monday from a visit to Kansas City and other points, much refreshed by her vacation.

Chas. Welch who has been with a survey party in Minn., has returned home.

Robt. Shire of Lincoln, Kans., is visiting his uncle, Chas. Shire of this place.

Sam Cole and wife of Harper, Kas., are here on a visit to Mrs. Leon Loeb, the former's sister.

Holbert Miller

At his home near Lagonda June 21, Holbert Miller, one of the prominent old time farmers near Lagonda fell before the infallible Brights disease and was interred at Johnsons cemetery Thursday of last week, a clergyman from Kirksville conducting ceremonies.

In addition to his widow there survives the deceased, his sons, James A. Henry, J. P., T. H. and C. W. and daughters, Miss Sadie and Mrs. Bertha Streets, and a stepson, W. T. Jones.

The deceased was born in Indiana Feb. 15, 1845 and came to this county when a small boy, settling after marriage in the neighborhood where he resided until his death.

It was the wish of the deceased that his sons and stepson act as pall bearers, which they did, and he rests in peace near the scene of his life activities.

Mrs. Ruth Harris and daughter who visited their grandparent Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carr and other relatives last week, left Monday for their home in De Moines Iowa.

Jake Ray Dead

One of the most familiar as well as unique figures in this community for years passed away at his little home near Chillicothe Thursday June 15, cancer of the face having overcome him finally at the age of 75.

Jake was noted for lack of beauty which was most attractive to the gentler sex if the number which consented to yoke up with him during his varied career counts for anything. The number of times he was married and divorced is not known, for he did not live here all his years, but taking his connubial ventures here as a basis together with the years he spent in this city and neighborhood, our guess would be between 25 and 50, and we have this to say for his taste in such ventures, he never failed to pick a buxom partner nor get her if he took after her in dead earnest. The duration of the domestic connection depended altogether on the behavior of the bride, but few if any of them were tolerated longer a year.

Jake was a soldier in the civil war and for years he enjoyed a good sized pension and deserved it provided his physical infirmities were acquired in service which is taken as a settled fact.

Harmless except to designing widows, courteous and entitled to the boast he gloried in of always attending to his own business, paying his debts promptly and treating those who entrusted their happiness and appetite to his keeping the best he knew until he fancied obstreperousness had taxed his forbearance sufficiently, Jake Ray was a character in a class by himself. Peace to his dust.

Reception at Baptist Church

The Baptist Sunday School gave a reception at the Baptist church Wednesday night for Prof. Fred Cowels. The musical program was very pleasing. The guests were all the members of the church and a few friends. After refreshments good talks were made by W. G. Agee, assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, F. W. Hill, Dr. Carlstead, Geo. Chapman, and others with a response from Mr. Cowels.

Can a wrecker become a restorer? Is Roosevelt great enough to tear down and build up at pleasure?

Pee Dee Prattle

Delbert Chrane is home from Charles City, Iowa, on account of an injured hand.

Miss Margerite Knight departed last Thursday in answer to a telegram from her father, Benton Oldham, after a short visit with her uncle, John Chrane and family, she resides in Denver, Colorado.

Sunday School in the morning, Thomas Trow Supt, sermon by Rev. Hise, chicken in the grass and other good things at the noon hour, followed by a program rendered by the children in the afternoon and a sermon by Rev. Tompson in the evening constituted the days doing at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

Robert Hurt Sheriff of Chariton County, was here this week, not serving papers however, but visiting old friends and making new ones.

Sterling Holman, an old resident of this county died at his home in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, June 23 and his remains, accompanied by his wife were brot here for interment. Funeral services were held at Union Church conducted by Rev. James Hise, after which remains were deposited in the grave in Pleasant Cemetery. He leaves a wife whose maiden name was Carter and several children and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Frank Finnel an old Keytesville boy, and wife, who is the daughter of Sterling Holman deceased, from Des Moines Iowa, attended the Holman funeral.

Lawrence Weatherford who went to Charles City Iowa several weeks ago seeking his fortune decided he would enroll with the Iowa State Guards, as he had been told they would do good outing some time this summer, surprised himself when he was called upon to serve Uncle Sam and is now on his way to the Mexican front.

Harold and Delbert Chrane will leave in a few days for Racine Wis. were they have good position.

Roy Holman and wife, and Wilber Holman of Randolph Co. attended the Sterling Holman funeral, as did also Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. Rosie Byer and Mrs. Rhoda Leaf of Kansas City, Kansas, three sons of Sterling Holman Williard, of Kansas City Arthur of Washington, and Carroll whose whereabouts are unknown were not present. A brother of Huntsville was here Sunday thinking that was the time for the funeral and was unable to return on Monday on account of physical condition.

George Ainsworth of Salisbury was here the latter part of last week.

Oscar Willoford and wife are visiting his mother, Mrs. Shoemaker.

Fishermen

Chas. L. White, Geo. West, Jas. Worsham, Richard Hunt and Herbert Applegate went out for to catch a fish and eat it last week. They camped on the Chariton and entertained musquitos as long as they felt disposed to offer fat living for the hungry buzzers and then decamped. Herbert quit the game a day early.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The Russians Still Advancing Verdun Armies Inactive Irish Revolting

The Austrians have been forced back towards Poland with considerable loss of men and supplies. No activity at Verdun tho great drive by Allies contemplated. M. Ps. ars resigning because of the Irish situation. Navies at rest.

THE MEXICAN MATTER

Negro Soldier Prisoners Released. War In the Balance Mobilizing

The 23 soldiers captured and put in the Mexican penitentiary have been released and are on their way to the border. Caranza short on other demands, but must come to time, or be made to do so. Army head declares they do not want war. Militia being rushed to border to protect, but raids by small hands continue. Nothing positive about what this country will do, to date.

S. S. Holman

A former resident of the neighborhood of Rolling Home died on his ranch near Cheyenne Wells, Colo. Friday June 18 and was brot to this city Sunday and taken to the cemetery at Pee Dee where he was interred Monday.

S. S. Holman was born Jan. 8, 1849 and lived for the greater part of his life at the neighborhood of the Rolling Home in Randolph county. His widow, four sons and two daughters, one brother and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Bradley of Tulsa, Okla., survive him. His widow and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Currie accompanied the remains.

Mr. Holman had prospered nicely and lived on a good ranch which he owned at the time of his death. Brights disease had troubled him for some time and finally caused his death.

Dog Knows Car

Billy Adams dog, Doc, knows the Adams Maxwell as far as he can hear or see it. He will snooze in a shady spot and a hundred cars may pass and not disturb him but as soon as the sound of Billy's car is audible to the naked ear, he will locate the sound and the car and put out for it in the hope of getting a ride. Doc is fat, very fat, ready for a scrap on less than a moments notice, but he will abandon any and every scource of amusement for him to chase the Maxwell so long as his breath holds out. Failing to overtake the the car he will trot back and camp on its supposed incoming trail.

Hon. E. H. Gipson of Sayre Okla. arrived the latter part of the week for a visit to his parent at Byumville and friends generally all over the country.

Judge Gibson is another of the Charitonites who have made good and we are proud of all wherever they may go and whatever they may accomplish which distinguishes them.